

Stutton Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP)

1. Objective

The Parish Council Infrastructure Investment Plan is a document agreed by the Parish Council on the spending priorities for the village for the next 10 years. It provides the basis for spending on improvement projects in the Parish.

2. Existing Infrastructure Audit

Stutton is a hinterland village. Table below shows the infrastructure underpinning the local community.

Public/passenger transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hourly 92 bus service between Ipswich and Manningtree • Morning service does not enable students to get to college easily (very early start) • Service finishes early evening • No Sunday service • Low floor buses so wheelchair accessible • Nearest taxi service from Manningtree or Ipswich
Roads/pavements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavements do not allow people to move from end of the village to the other without crossing the road • Pavements not wide enough to be accessible by all • Parking on pavements an issue for pedestrians • The Speedwatch team and SID device continue to capture high levels of speeding and high traffic volumes • Traffic levels high from 7.45am to 8.45am and 15:15 - 18:00 weekdays and Saturdays • There are no effective traffic calming measures • Although weekend cyclists and cycle clubs come through the village, local residents who are occasional cyclists can find the volume of traffic and manoeuvring past cars parked on the main road intimidating
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk Libraries Mobile route 8 comes to Stutton Monthly • Has 2 stops, Larksfield Road and Community Shop • Library not wheelchair accessible
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stutton Primary School – 70+ pupils and rated as 'Good' by Ofsted • Stutton Young Explorers – early years childcare in brand new building, run by Constable Country Childcare • Toddler Group – weekly morning session at Community Hall. Run by parent volunteers
Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly accessible green space behind the Hall/Shop • A community wood with Canham's Wood cared for by Stutton Grows group • Small Village Green opposite the Kings Head • Allotments in Catts Close
Community & Leisure Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stutton Community Hall – popular with a variety of village and external groups both for leisure and more official purposes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stutton School - Hall available for hire • Children's Playground – only open during school hours • Stutton Explorers - located in the grounds of the school provides 08:00 to 18:00 wraparound care for children aged from 4 months. • St Peter's Church - Weekly services, weddings, christenings, funerals • Easy access to footpaths in the AONB and down to the Estuary for Stutton Ness, Holbrook Creek and elsewhere • Alton Water – water sports, fishing, cycle hire, crazy golf, walking, dog-walking, children's play area and camp site • Golf Course at Royal Hospital School • Bus shelters (3) • Cycle racks at Community Hall and Shop • Oak House Extra Care Housing - 38 purpose built flats providing Extra Care scheme with on-site care staff (24/7) Managed by Housing Care. • Stutton Support Network (local Good Neighbour Scheme) provides on-demand help for all with car journeys and more • Mobile 'Support' bus that comes to the Shop/Hall
Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stutton Community Shop – New premises built in 2018, volunteer-run shop has a café with free WIFI which is popular and well used. Serves local shoppers, walkers, visitors to Alton • 2 Public houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kings Head ○ Gardeners Arms • Hair Salon – “Looking Good” • Vets – Orwell Veterinary Practice • Alton Water – camp site, cycle hire, café and play area open to all
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibre broadband internet available with good speeds • Mobile phone reception variable (O2 good, others not so)
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle bank recycling at Kings Head • Dog waste bins in multiple locations • No paper recycling since removed from Primary School
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Shop ○ BT phone box at Church Lane ○ Oak House • First responder lives in the village • Doctor's surgery – Nearest at Holbrook
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail • Business units at Manor Farm, Bentley Lane and Holly Farm • Stutton Hall Farms • Sole Traders and small businesses • Home workers • Holiday lets • Alton Water – Sailing club, Café, cycle hire

2. External infrastructure audit

Identifying the services and facilities outside of the PIIP area used by the community.

Public/passenger transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipswich Buses routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 94 Ipswich – East Bergholt ○ 97/98 Ipswich – Shotley Gate • Train <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manningtree station on London – Norwich mainline and Harwich lines • Taxis • Community Transport – non-existent
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manningtree (Essex Libraries) • Capel St Mary (Suffolk libraries)
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puddleducks Nursery • Holbrook Academy • East Bergholt High School • Royal Hospital School • Ipswich School • Suffolk One • Colchester Sixth Form College • Otley College • Colchester Institute
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holbrook and Shotley Practice • Ipswich Hospital • Nuffield Hospital • Dentists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manningtree ○ Capel St Mary ○ Ipswich
Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reade Field, Holbrook
Community & Leisure facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holbrook Sports Centre • Holbrook Hornets Youth Football Club • Holbrook Swim (@ RHS) • Ipswich School Swimming Club • Royal Harwich Yacht Club
Environment (waste, infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawford recycling centre • Chelmondiston recycling centre

3. Community Infrastructure needs

Stutton's Neighbourhood Plan Group are finalising the Stutton neighbourhood Plan (NP) as of January 2022 on behalf of Parish Council.

NP Key Priorities identified:

- Improved pedestrian pavements and cycle routes
- Traffic calming measures and improved parking on village roads
- Substantial modernisation and enhancement of Community Hall and facilities offered.
- Improved Green Space and Children's play facilities
- Support for green eco-friendly ventures and development
- Further reduction of social isolation
- Support for young people and creation of a hub or improved access to facilities
- Support for local sole traders/home workers and small businesses
- Improved Community Transport

In addition, Stutton Community Hall and Stutton Community Council have combined in 2020 to form a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called Stutton Community Association with the object to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Stutton the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation, summarised below:

- Develop and drive community action projects such as an Eco-Village project
- Enable and develop opportunities to expand the potential for people to work from the village, and reduce the need for commuting or travelling
- Support and develop initiatives within the village targeted at health and wellbeing
- Provide activities and opportunities for young people in the village

4. Community Engagement

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) have extensively sought the views of local people to format the NP itself. The NP team utilised the following methods listed below to inform current and future needs:

- Two well-supported public consultations held at the Village Hall
- Tea Parties/Focus Groups held for different parts of the village
- Circulation of regular 'Big Conversation' Newsletters and opportunities for response/feedback
- Feedback online and via 'ideas/comments' boxes located in the Community Shop and Community Hall
- Meetings held with village business and sole traders
- Open Working Group Meetings
- Open session at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2019
- NP consultation discussion on draft NP (Dec 2021)

5. Expected Growth

Location, size and timing of development sites. Impacts these will have on community needs.

Location & Reference	Dwellings	Details
Church Road B/17/00950	34	Includes 8 affordable homes and 3 shared ownership – almost completed 20/34 occupied
The Old Telephone Exchange, Holbrook Road DC/17/03445	1	Detached dwelling – under construction
Land behind village hall DC/17/02111	14	Includes 5 affordable dwellings – under construction
Land opp. School B/17/00406	6	Construction starting mid-2022
The Hillarys, Manningtree Road DC/19/02220	1	Almost complete
Tawnys, Lower Street DC/17/06310	1	Under construction
Stutton Methodist Church DC/18/04522	1	Conversion of Chapel to one dwelling
Harefields, Holbrook Road	6	Affordable housing – now complete and occupied
Sunnybank, Lewis Lane DC/20/05059	1	Under construction

Planning applications agreed, under construction, completed or in the pipeline will result in a total of 65 dwellings: a 16% increase on the current size of our village. This will lead to an increase in vehicles coming in and out of the village highlighting existing shortcomings in public and community transport. It is expected that the new developments (particularly the 34% affordable housing in the pipeline) will lead to more families with young children moving into the village. This will increase the need to calm traffic through the village, create safe ways to traverse the village on foot, maintain community activities, and for improved access to affordable public transport.

6. Projected Income

The following is a list of income from all sources including external grants, CIL and Section 106 monies.

Money	Source	Details
Range £100-200k Median £150k	CIL & S106 income	Estimated CIL funds based on current and upcoming growth without a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

7. Stutton's investment priorities

The following list of priorities has been ordered according to consultation with the village:

Priority	Ref	Title	Detail	Progress
People	P1	Pavement improvements	Widening and additional crossing points	
	P2	Road drainage	Solve drainage issues where large puddles are driven through to the detriment of pedestrians	
	P3	Greenway	Establish "road-free" path away from traffic (pedestrian and cycle)	
Vehicles	V1	Speed reduction	Traffic calming	
	V2	Parking	Improved parking schemes especially near the School and Post Office Corner	
Community Hall	C1	Business Hub	For local business use	
	C2	Small meeting space		
	C3	Enhanced production/theatre space		
	C4	Open space, patio/garden		
	C5	Electric vehicle charging		
	C6	Grounds improvement equipment	To enable maintenance and upkeep of area around hall/shop	
	C7	Playing field improvements	Improve/update facilities on new green space to rear of hall/shop	

8. Document details

This document is for annual review by Stutton Parish Council.

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